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Providing Information Over	:	
A Communications Network	:	Confirmation No.: 2799

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Sir:

DECLARATION OF KEVIN P. MCATEE
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

1. I am the inventor of the above-identified U.S. patent application.
2. I have reviewed U.S. Patent No. 5,414,838 to Kolton and U.S. Patent No. 6,920,426 to Takechi that have been cited by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as a basis for rejecting the invention set forth in the above-referenced application as being obvious. I have compared the Kolton and Takechi references to my invention as disclosed and now claimed in the present patent application. After reviewing the Kolton and Takechi references, it is my firm conviction that these references do not render my invention obvious.
3. The present invention concerns a computer-implemented method for providing information over a communications network to a computer user. The method includes gathering a plurality of information items relating to a subject, the information items include data items and content items, wherein each of the data items includes the value of an attribute associated with the subject for a particular date and each of the content items includes a statement summarizing an occurrence for a particular date; assigning a reliability indicator to each of the content items; storing the information items; and

creating an electronic page containing in part a graphic representation that includes a number of data points corresponding to at least a portion of the data items, the data points arranged by date or date range.

4. Kolton describes a computerized data retrieval system, especially for commodity price information databases that has facilities for including domain knowledge in a query, such as market knowledge of calendar events, national holidays, triple-witching hours, and option contract expiration dates. The system has additional facilities that permit a user to include more fundamental domain knowledge, such as dates of political elections, dates of issuance and value of company earning reports, the consumer price index, and so on. The near-natural language format of the query may be created and revised either through a windowing system or with a text editor.

5. My invention provides for gathering a plurality of information items relating to a subject (e.g., a company or industry), the information items including data items and content items, wherein each of the data items includes the value of an attribute (e.g., share price, share trading volume) associated with the subject for a particular date and each of the content items includes a statement summarizing an occurrence (e.g., publication of an article concerning the company, publication of a document concerning the company) for a particular date.

6. Kolton does not teach or suggest associating a company's share price on a particular date with statements summarizing an article published concerning the company. Rather, Kolton merely teaches a computer system that allows a user to easily search historical information for particular stock or bond prices such as dates of political elections, dates of issuance and value of company earning reports, the consumer price index, and the like.

7. The present invention also concerns providing a reliability indicator for each

content item.

8. The Kolton reference does not disclose such a reliability indicator. Since Kolton merely provides factual historical information for particular stock or bond prices such as dates of political elections, dates of issuance and value of company earning reports, the consumer price index, and the like, there is no need to provide reliability indicators for these content items.

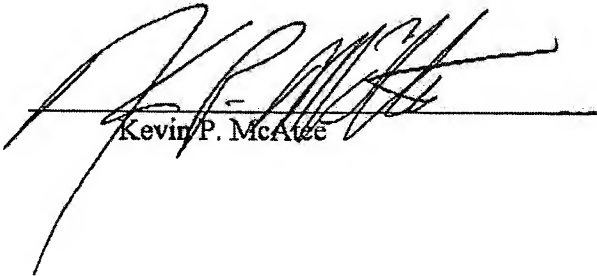
9. Takechi describes an information ranking system and an information ranking method as well as a computer readable recording medium recorded with an information ranking program, capable of ranking information resources on the Internet to thereby allow information users to estimate the factuality and reliability of the information.

10. Takechi does not teach or suggest assigning reliability indicators to content items that include a statement summarizing an occurrence (e.g., publication of an article concerning the company, publication of a document concerning the company) for a particular date. Rather, Takechi merely teaches providing users the ability to rank individual web pages.

11. Accordingly, it is my opinion after reviewing the Kolton and Takechi references that these references do not render my invention obvious.

12. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of any patents issued from the patent application.

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